

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program Parcel Eligibility and Ranking Form
2009
Landowner Name and Address
Cooperating Entity Name and Address
State in which the Parcel is Located
County in which Parcel is Located
Locality (Town/Township) in which the Parcel is Located
Is the Landowner AGI Eligible (Y/N)?
Is the Landowner HEL Eligible (Y/N)?
Is the Landowner WC Eligible (Y/N)?
Does the Parcel have 50% prime, unique, and important farmland? (Y/N)
Does the Parcel have historic or archeological resources? (Y/N)
Does the Parcel have land that supports the policy of a state or local farm land protection program? (Attach policy cited)
Is this Parcel eligible? (Y/N) At lease one of the 3 questions directly above this question must be answered YES to be eligible.
Has a Conservation Plan been developed and signed by the landowner of parcel? Y/N
Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility
Signature of NRCS Employee Confirming Landowner Eligibility
Is the Cooperating Entity Eligible (Y/N)?
Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Entity Eligibility
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Does Cooperating Entity have a Pending Offer for the Parcel (Y/N)?
Name of NRCS Employee Confirming Parcel Offer
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Nationally Ranking Factors		
Ranking Factor and Scaling	Maximum Points	Points
Percent of prime, unique and important farmland soils in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 50 percent or less, 4 points for every percent above 50 percent)	200	
Percent of cropland, pastureland, or grassland , in the parcel to be protected (0 points for 33 percent or less, 3 points for every percent above 33 percent)	200	
Ratio of the total acres of land in the parcel to be protected to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture (www.agcensus.usda.gov) (0 points for a ratio of 1 or less, 50 points for ratios of 1.0 to 2.0, 100 points for ratios of greater than 2.0)	100	
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm land in the county in which the parcel is located between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture (www.agcensus.usda.gov) (0 points for decrease of 0 percent or less, 50 points for decreases of 0 to 5 percent, 100 points for decrease of 5 to 10 percent 50 points for decreases of 10 to 15 percent, 0 points for decreases of more than 15 percent)	100	
Percent population growth in the county as documented by the United States Census (www.census.gov) (0 points for growth rate of less than the state growth rate, 50 points for growth rate of 1 to 2 times the state growth rate, 100 points for growth rate of 2 to 3 times the state growth rate, 0 points for growth rate of more than 3 times the state growth rate)	100	
Population density (population per square mile) as documented by the most recent United States Census (www.census.gov) (0 points for population density less than the state population density, 50 points for population density of 1 to 1.9 times the state population density, 100 points for population density of 2 to 2.9 times the state population density, 0 points for population density of more than ≥ 3 times the state population density)	100	
Proximity of the parcel to other protected land , including military installations (0 points for less than 250 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 50 points for 250-500 acres of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 100 points for 501 acres or more of protected land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)	100	
Proximity of the parcel to other agricultural operations and infrastructure (0 points for less than 250 acres of agricultural land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 50 points for 250-500 acres of agricultural land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel, 100 points for 501 acres or more of agricultural land within a mile of the boundaries of the parcel)	100	
Total Points for Nationally Mandated Ranking Factors	1000	

State Ranking Factors																																																																										
Contains a historical or archaeological resource on the State or National Register, or formally eligible for the National Register. Yes - 100 points No - 0 points	100																																																																									
<p>Use the NRCS LESA (Land Evaluation and Site Assessment) values for the soil types found on the offered property to calculate the points for this section. Each county NRCS office has a chart indicating the agricultural group and relative value of each soil type found in the county. The best land (Group 1) is given a relative value of 100. Other groups are valued at less than less than 100. Note: Total acres should equal total acres being offered for enrollment.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Group</th> <th>Acres</th> <th></th> <th>Relative Value</th> <th></th> <th>Adjusted Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>_____</td><td>x</td><td>_____</td><td>=</td><td>_____</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>_____</div> <div>_____</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Total Acres</div> <div>Total Adjusted Value</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <u>Total Adjusted Value</u> Total Acres </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;"> X 2 points = _____ Total Points </div> </div>	Group	Acres		Relative Value		Adjusted Value	1	_____	x	_____	=	_____	2	_____	x	_____	=	_____	3	_____	x	_____	=	_____	4	_____	x	_____	=	_____	5	_____	x	_____	=	_____	6	_____	x	_____	=	_____	7	_____	x	_____	=	_____	8	_____	x	_____	=	_____	10	_____	x	_____	=	_____	11	_____	x	_____	=	_____	12	_____	x	_____	=	_____	200	
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<p>If your county has a Voluntary Agricultural District or Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District: Is this parcel a member of such VAD or EVAD? Yes – 100 Points No – 0 points OR If your county does not have a Voluntary Agricultural District or Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District: Claim 50 points</p>	100																																																																									
<p>Does this parcel's owner have a Farm Business Plan or Farm Transition Plan? Yes – 100 points, No – 0 points (Enclose copy of plan)</p>	100																																																																									

Capital Investment in Farm Operation – Does not include dwellings on the parcel except for employee housing. Substantial capital investment made within: Last 0-2 years – 200 points Last 0-5 years – 150 points Last 5-10 years – 100 points Last 10-15 years – 50 points No substantial investment within above criteria - 0 points	200	
Total Points for State Mandated Ranking Factors	700	
Total Points	1700	

*See additional criteria discussed in the **Request for Proposals***

Special Ag Districts - VAD or EVAD must be approved by the local county government and operational. Provide documentation that the county for which the parcel is located has a Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) or Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District (EVAD). Provide evidence that the applicant is a member of such VAD or EVAD. If the county does not have an EVAD or a VAD, claim the appropriate points.

Capital Investment in Farm Operation - If a landowner has made a substantial investment recently in the farming operation, it may indicate the person's commitment to continue farming for the next several years, thus helping to meet the objectives of the FRPP. Substantial investment is \$20,000 **or** an average investment of at least \$400 per offered acre, whichever is less. Information is obtained through visual observations and discussions with landowner. Payment records or bills are not required. (Example: 6 years ago a \$5500 barn was built on ½ acre of land. That land, along with 10 additional acres is offered for enrollment. Average investment is $\$5500/10 \frac{1}{2} \text{ acres} = \524 per acre .)

Farm Business Plan or Farm Transition Plan – A plan that generally describes the management and the transfer of resources pertaining to income derived from, and ownership of the farm land currently and after retirement of the current operator and/or death of the farm owners. Such a plan should provide a narrative description of how the farm land will remain in production after the retirement or exit of the current operator. The plan should describe how a combination of estate planning documents (wills, trusts, powers of attorney, etc.), business agreements or organizations (partnerships, limited liability company, etc.), and/or written leases and other tools will ensure the land will be available and used in production of crops, timber, horticulture or other related agricultural products in the future.